



Clark County Shooting Range Advisory Committee PUBLIC MEETING

6:30pm Tuesday September 20, 2011

Government Center, 500 S Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV. 89155

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Lurie Vice-Chair, Kevin Close, Art Dixon, Kevin Kelley, Chuck Musser, Martin Olson, Senator John Lee, Brandy Ornelas, Anthony York,

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED): Glenn Trowbridge Chairman, Roy Clark, and Linda Lane

ATTENDANCE: 9

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Pike Director of Parks and Recreation, Steve Carmichael Range Administrator, Iris Kikuchi Secretary

NOTICE POSTED: Clark County Government Center Lobby, Clark County Web site: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov>, Regional Justice Center, Paradise Community Center, Desert Breeze Community Center, Winchester Community Center, Clark County Shooting Range (Range Office, Shotgun Center, Rifle-Pistol Center)

I CALL TO ORDER:

- A. This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Ron Lurie Vice-Chair
- B. Silence all cellular phones and pagers.
- C. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law-**CONFIRMED**

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Roll call was taken. Nine (9) board members are present. There is a quorum.

IV ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. The September 20, 2011 meeting agenda was unanimously approved. Motion by Art Dixon, second by Chuck Musser.
- B. The minutes of the August 16, 2011 meeting was unanimously approved. Motion by Senator John Lee, second by Art Dixon.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Chuck Musser comments on the upcoming Conference in Reno, NV on October 15-19, 2011, and if the shooting range will be sending a representative. Ron Lurie recommends Range Manager Steve Carmichael attend. Steve added that he would be attending the conference.
- B. Ron Lurie congratulated Senator John Lee on receiving the Defender Freedom Award. Ron noted that Senator John Lee's career in the legislature has been for 14 years. Senator Lee commented that he will continue to provide support to the range and it is the finest range in the world. He accepted the Award on behalf of the range. He comments that we should take it to the next level.
- C. Vice-Chair Ron Lurie comments that for the October meeting we may go dark due to hunting season and we may not have a quorum. He will discuss with Chairman Glenn Trowbridge. A consensus taken by the committee was unanimous to cancel October meeting. Secretary to send out notice to committee.
- D. Chuck Musser recommends that NDOW receive naming rights for the Education Center for all the education and programs that NDOW has supported with Eagle projects and archery programs in the schools. It may help encourage bigger names like Remington to jump on board. Senator Lee suggests not naming the building to



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NDOW because of possibility of the State of Nevada downsizing. Martin Olson comments that he continues to schedule hunter education classes, muzzle loader classes, etc. He is reserving ranges/classrooms at least four times a month for the 2012 calendar. Senator Lee admits that NDOW gave us a start with seed money for the building. Martin comments that the center is not being used as designed. With the 100yd range right outside classroom E, the shooting is distracting when you are teaching a class. He gets complaints from students that they can't concentrate on the video with too much background noise from tactical training shooting clip after clip of ammunition continuously. Martin asks that the Shooting Range schedule specific tactical training days, so there is no distraction during classroom teaching.

- E. Vice-Chair Lurie reminds committee that public comment is for public agenda items that need to be discussed and not for the board to bring up issues.
- F. James Borchers, former committee member, announced that the Silver State Shooting Sports Foundation, Dolores McNamara, received a grant from National Rifle Association to purchase tables and chairs for the education center. She should be receiving the check after the 22nd of this month. Committee recommends she purchase the items and deliver the tables and chairs to the range as a donation from her group.

VI STAFF REPORTS:

A. Shooting Range Briefing – Steve updates the committee:

1. User Group Reservation Policy (for discussion)

- Steve revised the list from last month to add a #C-14 days cancellation deadline seems to work better for the policy. Ron Lurie comments that he does not like to act on agenda item unless he has three weeks to review the item. The committee needs more time to review. Brandi asked if we require a deposit now? She comments that it is less likely that groups will cancel if they have to make a deposit. Steve comments that the current policy is that groups can make reservation and don't have to cancel until 48 hours in advance. It doesn't give the range enough time to rent the range/class at the last minute. This is the reason for the recommendation of changes to the cancellation policy. We want to get efficient use of the range and 14 days would give us time to rent and not lose money. Ron comments that business tours pay deposits to reserve areas at the hotels/casinos and when canceling, some of the deposits are based on whether we can rent it out again. Chuck comments that we need to give this some serious thought to our repeat customers who cancel. In January 2011, The marketing firm of Triple Curl booked the whole range for the SHOTSHOW and at the last minute they canceled their event. The range refused up to three other groups because it was already booked by Triple Curl. By the time they canceled their event, it was too late for the range to rent it out. Continuous discussion about taking deposits, and what is the criteria of when a user group event become a special event whereas groups tie up multiple days on the range. Steve needs to know the best way to go. Ron Lurie suggests sending out the current policy so the committee can review and determine what needs to change. Table agenda item until next meeting to make final determination.
- User Group New Frontier Armory owner, Dave Famagaliti, likes the idea and is willing to put down a deposit for dates throughout the year. Suggest groups reserve only 24-48 dates annually, block Saturday and Sundays for CCW classes. It seems that with all the cancellations from last year of 200+ classes, the loss of \$31,000 is a lot for the range to incur. He suggests that whoever was the first pick this year should rotate for the greater good overall. Canceling 30 days out is plenty of time to rent the range/classroom and the range should be tracking and keeping records to reward groups for their

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commitments. Ron Lurie agrees that we need to get the policy resolved and in place. Asks to place on next meeting agenda.

2. Education Center Range Fee's (for discussion)
 - Vice-chair Lurie directs that the policy not be discussed tonight. There should be a committee formed to review and discuss policy changes. Suggests Martin Olson, Steve Carmichael, Chuck Musser and a User Group (possibly New Frontier) get together and work out compatibility and come to some agreement and bring back to the next meeting with a report.
3. Clarification of Junior Shooters (for discussion)
 - Steve asks committee to clarify that a junior shooter is specified as under 18 years of age and 18 years & over will pay adult fees. Students with school I.D. cards are valid. Chuck agrees that a valid high school I.D. card, not an issued Nevada Driver's License, under age 18, that we shouldn't argue with the junior and let them shoot for free. Steve added that the range now has two sets of Safety cards, one for adults and one for juniors, printed on different colors to tell them apart.
4. Education Center Archery Range, 300-500yd Range, Tourism Range (for discussion)
 - Steve comments that the money from SNPLMA could be used to treat the berm at the Archery Range at the Education Center for another firearm range. Martin Olson suggests using money to build more tactical ranges, which is in demand. The archery program is huge across the country and we plan to use the range. Money should be used to build a 500yd range, eventually a 1000yd range. Chuck suggests looking into a longer distance range on the West Side of the Rifle-Pistol range where the terrain on the upper end is ideal. The upper end west of the education center is for the pistol range at the Tourism Center. Comments from Art to look into a 500-600yd range near the cul-de-sac going up to the Rifle-Pistol range, possibly a temporary range near the gravel pit. More discussion was held regarding the SNPLMA money and to build something temporarily until we get more funding to build out more ranges.
 - Steve suggests building the pistol ranges for the Tourism Center and leave out the building for now. Chuck comments that high-powered rifle ranges 300-600yd should be built as far away from the Education Center as originally planned. Steve asked about a road and how are we to get people there?
 - Ron commented that the RFP for gravel sales was approved today at the Board of County Commissioner meeting. The county will work on the road for the range. Advise to pass information on to the BCC and make recommendations to the board for the range to be successful. Ron makes a motion to develop the 500-600yd range and make a presentation to the BCC to get things done. We need the BCC to buy into our program. Chuck motions for temporary ranges at the end of the gravel pit and develops plans to take to the BCC for the 500-600yd tactical ranges.
 - Matthew Supnick, representing New Frontier Armory, agrees that the bare desert floor would be good for tactical ranges and the investment is minimal. Chuck suggests that we work on getting the \$250,000 from the emergency PLMA grant and work on that immediately. Jane Pike adds that we are on a short timeframe. Steve didn't get any input from the committee on suggestions for round 13. The county will submit a total of two projects under \$400,000. Ron Gregory from Parks, Lands and Trails will submit to the BCC for a decision to move forward on their approval. The briefing with the board is next week. BLM is only allowing \$400,000 maximum on the project. More questions and discussion on the process. Chuck Musser suggests range can be built with the \$250,000. Ron agrees that longer ranges will benefit the range more. He adds that the 500-600yd ranges and with User Group interests, being they are shovel ready, we should move forward and submit the plans already done to the BCC. Chuck motions to use the

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plans by LVCVA and Art seconds the motion. Jane suggests getting the scope of work to RPM for cost estimates. Steve wants to get range work done and no buildings or parking lots. Plans are already in place for this. Steve reiterates to proceed with plan with SNPLMA money and at least rough grade Tourism ranges to be compatible with further build out at a later time. Ron motions to move forward and narrow down to meet criteria. Kevin Close will meet with Steve to prepare documents. Committee takes a vote and approves unanimously.

5. Tourism Range Speakeasy & Western Saloon (for discussion)
 - Steve asked committee if the intention is to have two taverns at this Tourism Range. Chuck responds that User Groups can hold special events here at the center. Steve asks if everyone agrees that it is okay for groups to have a cocktail party after an event. Tony York comments that the range should follow Parks and Recreation department policies and county guidelines in place. He adds that the Advisory Committee shouldn't have to decide. Staff will make the decision upon User Group requests and the county has an alcohol use policy that the range can follow. Decision doesn't need to come to the committee for a vote. Jane added that the group applies for a permit through the Business License Department and has someone with a TAM card to distribute the alcohol. Jane adds that the committee felt strongly about not serving alcohol at the cafeteria and the range should use the same guidelines overall. Kevin Kelly added his biggest concern was the neighborhood. Ron comments that driving after drinking becomes the responsibility of the county and each request should be handled individually and sent to Parks and Recreation department to make determination.

VII COMMITTEE MEMBER'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Range Environmental Stewardship Plan - Chuck mentions that the Environmental Stewardship Plan is a valuable asset to the range for the upper wash conservation area. We need to follow the conservation plan and take care of the environment. For our safety net, we should always be a good neighbor. We need to make sure we are keeping this up to date.
 - Steve comments that what he is presenting is just a small part of the Environmental Stewardship Plan- Appendix C & D which refer to "Schedule of Actions to Implement", and "Responsibility for Actions to Implement" respectively. Much of the work to be performed was to be completed by a Maintenance Supervisor, a position we do not have at the facility. We will assign existing maintenance, range and management to follow plan accordingly, and revise as necessary. CCSR should be able to make money from lead recovery if done in a practical manner and at the right intervals. We should have one company to do all berms and backstops, and the shot recovery at the trap & skeet shot fall area at the same time.
 - Art comments that it is a 10-year cycle, to start and end at the same place. Steve adds that the cost will be high and he will look into it.
 - Senator Lee noted that with the Phase I construction plans to see new ranges, we would replant existing flora to refurbish the land.

VIII ACTION ITEMS:

- A. User Group Reservation Policy Change, plan A, B, C or C (for possible action) – NO ACTION TAKEN
- B. Education Center Archery Range Modification for Firearms Use (for possible action) – NO ACTION TAKEN

IX CORRESPONDENCE

- Dolores McNamara, former committee member announced her donation of benches as a gift to the range.

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- Ron reiterates the Defender Freedom Award given to Senator Lee and congratulates him.

X PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Tony York shoots with the Police Department and the committee has good stewards of shooting and we need to get the right message out to the public.
- Ron heard the radio spot on KXNT and notes that we should be distributing more cards to the public.
- Art announced there are two upcoming Gun Shows and he will be distributing flyers for the range.
- Tony asks that committee get a copy of the current User Group policy to review for next meeting in order for committee to take action. Place on agenda as Action item for vote.
- Vice-chair Ron asks for back-up material by Nov 1st so committee can come in and go over before briefing. Committee needs to be well educated ahead of time before action items can be approved.

XI NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 15, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Government Center ODC Training Room 3.

XII ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

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